GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL MIGRANTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the number of foreigners and migrants residing illegally in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such migrants are involved in anti-social activities and posing threat to the social fabric of the country;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether the Government has taken up the matter with neighbouring countries including Bangladesh to address the matter; and

(f) if so, the number of illegal migrants who have been deported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): As per information available, 73,441 foreign nationals were found to be overstaying as on 31st December, 2009. 5,807 foreign nationals were arrested during 2009 under various provisions of Foreigners` Act.

(c) & (d): Violation of law and involvement in illegal activities by the foreign nationals cannot be ruled out. Registration of cases and action thereon comes within the purview of police stations and State Governments/UT Administrations concerned.

As and when foreign nationals are detected staying in the country illegally or found overstaying, steps are taken for their deportation/prosecution as per rules/ laws on the subject. Detection and deportation of foreign nationals illegally staying in the country is a continuous process. Central Government is vested with powers to deport a foreign national under section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946. These powers to identify and deport illegally staying foreign nationals have also been delegated to the State Governments/UT Administrations.

(e) & (f): The matter has been taken up at the diplomatic and official level with neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh, at regular intervals.

Details of foreign nationals deported during the years 2007 to 2009 are given below:-

Year	No. of foreign nationals deported
2007	13,348
2008	13,995
2009	12,147

Details for the year 2010 have not been compiled.